Jury Selection In Shaw Trial Due to Speed Up

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — With the easing of restrictions on prospective jurors, jury selection may be completed by Wednesday in the trial of Clay L. Shaw, charged with conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

In the first four days of the trial which opened Tuesday, eight jurors were seated tentatively after 200 were questioned.

Chief defense attorney F. Irvin Dymond said a jury might be completed by Wednesday.

Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. ruled Saturday that jurors may no longer be dismissed if they admit having "impressions" of whether Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in shooting the President.

Reminded he had earlier dismissed several prospect on such such grounds, Haggerty said:

"I think I may have been a little lenient for excusing them."

The judge admonished a defense attorney at one point for letting "what happened in Dallas" enter the questioning. And indeed Shaw is not accused of plotting the Dallas assassination, nor plotting a killing that occurred Nov. 22, 1963.

But for two years, Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison has said the Warren Commission report on Kennedy's death was wrong in saying Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing the president. On Feb. 24, 1967, Garrison announced his staff had "solved" the assassination and six days later arrested Shaw. Yet the indictment alleges no killing.